

Kentucky Private Investigator Examination
New Examination
Scaled Score Scoring Process
Increase In Test Fees
Effective April 8, 2009

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The Board of Licensure for Private Investigators contracted with Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc., to develop a new exam that licensees must pass in order to become certified as private investigators. The exam composition and content outline has been updated to correspond with the new exam.

Test Fee:

The new test fee will be \$156.00 per candidate.

Scoring reporting

Beginning April 6, 2009, The Kentucky Private Investigator Examination test scores will be reported as a scaled score rather than a raw score (actual number of questions answered correctly). The reporting scale ranges from 150 - 300. The minimum scaled passing score (MSPS) will be set at 260. A candidate who achieves a scaled score at or above 260 on an examination will have passed the examination, while a candidate who scores below a 260 will have failed the examination. Diagnostic information will be provided to all candidates so that candidates can see areas of strength and weakness.

Each examination is constructed to meet the content requires described in the corresponding content outline. Each test form uses different questions and therefore may vary slightly in difficulty. As always, a candidate's score will be based on the number of questions answered correctly but the raw score will be converted to and reported as a scaled score.

Proper psychometric procedures are employed to make certain that form difficulty is taken into account and that no candidate is at an advantage or disadvantage. To prevent candidates who took a less difficult form of the examination from having an unwarranted advantage over those who took a slightly more difficult form, raw scores are converted to scaled scores that represent comparable levels of achievement.

Study Guide:

The study guide has been updated to include the new content outline for the new exam. The revised study guide is currently posted on the website and the old one has been removed.